

April 14, 1942.

Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis,
Inspector General Department,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

We cordially invite you to be the Guest of Honor at the opening game of the Negro National Baseball League at Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J. Sunday, May 3, 1942. On this occasion The Newark Eagles will play The Homestead Grays.

We anticipate a crowd of at least fifteen thousand. We believe that this will afford a splendid opportunity to boost the morale of the people of our Race in this important industrial state, which has a population of approximately two hundred and fifty thousand.

As you are our out-standing Military figure, we are sure that your presence will do much to inspire enthusiasm, loyalty and patriotism in this time of crises, when our whole-hearted support is so necessary to ultimate success. We would appreciate brief inspirational remarks from you as greetings from all our Negro soldiers.

Last year we were honored by the presence of the 372nd Infantry from Fort Dix, N. J. For the duration of the war we hope to present some military feature as a morale builder at each opening game.

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We thank you in advance for the kindness
and courtesy of an expected favorable reply.
Details of your arrival and entertainment
can then be arranged.

Very respectfully yours,

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